

cals and stationery. Standard editions only are considered in the book index, while periodicals are chosen with regard to the volume of their Canadian circulation. In the third group, emphasis is placed upon such articles as note books and similar supplies needed by children in school.

Doctors' Fees.—The range of doctors' fees is represented by charges made for day visits, office consultations, and ordinary confinement or obstetrical cases. An aggregative index is made, based in part upon data from schedules filled in by individual practitioners and also upon lists of fees published by provincial medical associations.

Hospital Charges.—In compiling the index of hospital fees each institution is weighted according to the number of patients accommodated and provincial averages of fees are weighted according to population in order to get Dominion figures. The main index is made from four sub-groups which measure changes in the fees charged for public, semi-private, and private wards, and for the use of operating rooms.

Motor Operating Costs.—Operating cost index calculations are based upon accurate cost accounts compiled for the operating expenses of passenger cars used in civic and Dominion Government service throughout Canada. In addition, corroborative data pertaining to the trend of gasoline, tire, and accessory prices are secured as a check upon the cost compilations utilized.

7.—Index Numbers of Canadian Retail Prices, 1914-1929, Changed to New Base, 1926=100.

Years.	Food Index.	Fuel Index.	Rent Index.	Clothing Index.	Sundries Index.	Total Index.
1914.....	68.9	64.5	62.2	63.9	66.2	66.0
1915.....	69.5	63.2	60.3	69.6	66.9	67.3
1916.....	77.5	64.5	60.9	79.7	70.2	72.5
1917.....	100.0	71.7	65.4	93.7	76.8	85.6
1918.....	114.6	78.9	69.2	109.5	86.1	97.4
1919.....	122.5	86.2	75.6	125.9	95.4	107.2
1920.....	141.1	102.6	86.5	153.2	104.0	124.2
1921.....	107.9	109.2	94.2	124.7	106.0	109.2
1922.....	91.4	104.6	98.1	105.7	106.0	100.0
1923.....	92.1	104.6	100.6	104.4	105.3	100.0
1924.....	90.7	102.0	101.3	101.9	103.3	98.0
1925.....	94.7	100.0	101.3	101.9	101.3	99.3
1926.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1927.....	98.1	97.9	98.8	97.5	99.1	98.4
1928.....	98.6	96.9	101.2	97.4	99.0	98.9
1929.....	101.0	96.8	103.3	96.9	99.2	100.0